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Celebrate Irish Music, Dance, Poetry & Art with “Ceili & Ceol!” at Kentlands Mansion

Gaithersburg, MD (February 11, 2019) Gaithersburg’s *Arts on the Green* presents “Ceili & Ceol!,” an Irish Arts Celebration on Friday, March 15, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at Kentlands Mansion, 320 Kent Square Road. Just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, enjoy Irish music, dance, poetry, and art with The Bog Band, Kristin Ferragut, and Monica Harwood. Following the performance, enjoy an Irish beer and take part in an instructional Ceili (set dancing) with the Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers. Cash bar; must have photo ID to purchase alcohol. Admission is \$12. Purchase tickets [online](#).

Enjoy music by [The Bog Band](#), a group of young musicians with a passion for traditional Irish music and dance. The group began some 15 years ago at the Washington Waldorf School, where director Mitch Fanning taught violin. Most of the members are middle and high school students living in the Greater Washington D.C. area. Over the years and even now, fiddles remain the focus, but the band has also featured a variety of other traditional Irish instruments including guitar, bouzouki, bodhrán drum, flute, Uilleann pipes, tin whistle, banjo, button accordion, and piano.

The magical land of leprechauns and fairies comes to life through dramatic interpretation by poet **Kristin Ferragut**. A featured reader at DiVerse Gaithersburg Poetry and Words Out Loud, Ferragut is a regular contributor to open mics. She participates in local poetry and prose writing workshops, in addition to reading, biking, hiking and teaching. Her work has appeared in Beltway Quarterly.

[Monica Harwood](#) performs contemporary arrangements of beloved Irish classics. A native of Washington, Coloratura Soprano Harwood graduated Magna Cum Laude from The Catholic University of America’s Benjamin T. Rome School of Music. With an affinity for contemporary art music, she recently debuted the dramatic monodrama, *Black Water*, for DC audiences. Harwood currently maintains a private piano and voice studio and works as the accompanist and music director for Poolesville Presbyterian Church.

The [Ring of Kerry Irish Dancers](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that promotes and preserves the cultural traditions of Irish dance, music, literature, and art. Located in the Washington DC and Maryland area, its members mainly learn and perform Irish social, or folk, dances, which differ from the Irish step dances that require high-energy jumping and special shoes.

Purchase tickets [online](#) or call the Arts Barn Box Office at 301-258-6394. For more information visit gaithersburgmd.gov or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) at *Arts on the Green*.

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About *Arts on the Green*

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Enjoy exhibits, concerts and theater performances at the Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion and outdoor events and festivals on the park-like Green. Or join us for educational opportunities in one of our teaching studios, resident artist studios or theatre. Our historic buildings recall the charm of a bygone era, but our activities are anything but old fashioned.